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CANDIDATE TO PRESIDENT

## BASED ON A PROUD PAST INVEST IN THE FUTURE!



DEAR MEMBER FEDERATIONS,  
DEAR DELEGATES,

**Weightlifting is a sport with great tradition. We can all be proud of its glorious past and history. Traditions are there to be respected, but to be exceeded if needed. The key to success is to recognise the need for a change, be ready at all times to move forward, while preserving what has proven to be good.**

**I feel lucky to have been able to take a leading role in the progress of weightlifting in the last decades and that we have kept our sport's status on the Olympic program. Taking my energy from the past, I have always had the ability to accept and tackle new challenges, to be revitalized and do the necessary for a change. I still have this ability and vitality and I am ready to take weightlifting and the IWF successfully through the next four years – with your help!**

### HERE ARE THE MAIN FOCAL POINTS OF MY PROGRAM FOR **2017-2021**

#### **ATHLETES AND SPORT AS A PRIORITY**

We wish to introduce:

- new disciplines
- new creative events
- new Grand Prix structure
- the target to have women's weightlifting in all countries – IWF will give the necessary support to achieve this objective
- increased application of modern technology to enhance sport presentation and spectator experience.

#### **DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION**

To me, you, the National Federations are the number one! The ultimate mission of Development and Education can only be to elevate the standard of weightlifting in the countries that constitute the Membership of the IWF.

By giving the - already very successful – IWF Development & Education Program a new dimension, more money and material support will be allocated to the MFs.

- On every continent more Development support will be available – labelled for specific Projects in a more effective and cost-effective structure. I would like to appoint and contract Continental Development Project Managers who will be involved in the decision making process in order to measure and assist the special needs of the MFs on each continent.
- I wish to give a financial recompense to those persons who regularly contribute to the realization of the IWF's goals and projects.

Education will be continued at a higher level and with higher intensity in the fields of:

- Coaching – in a standardized and globally inclusive format, with further professional publications
- Anti-Doping
- Management and in so far neglected areas like
- Technical Officials Pathway with e-learning exams and refreshment courses.

#### **GOOD GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY**

By all standards of the IOC, ASOIF and international management of sport, the IWF meets the modern criteria and requirements of Good Governance. We continue the practice of:

- Full decisional and financial transparency (All reports – management, finance, budgets, assets, Executive, Board, sports-specific, etc.) are published.
- Independent auditors regularly check the accounts by Swiss Law.

## FINANCES

Thanks to prudent and successful financial management, the IWF today is in a solid and comfortable financial situation! Our significant assets give us the motivation and the possibility to invest more of these funds to the Member Federations in the future – and this support will reach you directly!

My program is therefore:

- To abolish the annual Membership Fee (which is still a burden/problem for many of you to pay)
- To financially help countries' participation in the World Championships and Olympic Qualification Events
- To provide direct assistance to the Member Federations to upgrade the sport of weightlifting
- To give more money to the operation of Continental Federations by widening the scope of the support

## ANTI-DOPING

As of 2014 the IWF is one of the very few organisations that have an independent Anti-Doping Commission. This Commission is responsible for planning, supervising and implementing the IWF Anti-Doping Program.

The Anti-Doping related work of the IWF has been highly praised by the World Anti-Doping Agency and appreciated by the Anti-Doping Community worldwide. Nevertheless, we cannot stop the fight and in the future will concentrate on:

- More education, especially for the Youth
- Quality vs. quantity
- Targeted testing to eliminate cheaters' groups
- Increase the proportion of Out-of-Competition testing
- Further tighten Anti-Doping Rules to provide an even playing field for all
- A certain percentage of the fine to be invested into obligatory anti-doping education in the country paying the fine
- Introduce the eligibility criteria for competitors in World Championships and Qualification Events that all athletes must pass an online Anti-Doping Education Exam

## MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

We shall give more exposure to the sport of weightlifting and to your athletes from all over the world by:

- Long term TV Broadcasting and Marketing contract
- Global sponsorship rights sales
- Creation of Digital Strategy
- Transformation of web platforms

DEAR DELEGATES,

**Naturally, I would not be able to realize my Program without a supportive and dedicated Executive Board and implement it if I could not rely on the professional and experienced IWF Secretariat ensuring continuity and stability.**

**As an Honorary IOC Member and Member of the WADA Foundation Board – thus a permanent participant in the activities of these two leading organisations – I have been working with full dedication for the benefit of weightlifting. I can promise that I shall continue to give maximum energy and focus to reinforce the Olympic status of weightlifting and its globally respected position.**

**Please help me in these endeavours!**



**Dr. Tamás Aján**